(घ) वर्ष 1998 के दौरान अतिरिक्त यात्रियों की अनुमानित संख्या कितनी है;

(ङ) क्या यात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए विशेष रेलगाड़ियां चलाने का कोई निर्णय लिया गया है; और

(च) यदि हां, तो इन विशेष रेलगाड़ियों में अनुमानतः कितने अतिरिक्त यात्रियों के लिये यात्रा कर पाना संभव होगा?

**रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक):** (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) माहवार औसत यातायात की अपेक्षा व्यस्त ग्रीष्मकाल महीने में यात्री यातायात लगभग 12 प्रतिशत तक बढ़ जाता है। कम व्यस्त माह की अपेक्षा व्यस्त माह में मांग लगभग 22 प्रतिशत तक बढ़ जाती है। यह प्रवृत्ति निरन्तर बने रहने की संभावना है।

(ङ) और (च) इस वर्ष 38 मार्गों पर लगभग 1959 समर स्पेशल गाड़ियां चलाई जा रही हैं। इन विशेष गाड़ियों के माध्यम से 1.37 मिलियन अतिरिक्त यात्रियों के यात्रा करने की संभावना है।

**Withdrawal of Railway Platinum Passes**

1931. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway platinum passes issued to Board members have been withdrawn as directed by the Delhi High Court; and

(b) the steps taken to curb such discretionary powers in issuing free passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Clear guidelines have been laid down for issue of complimentary card/ cheque passes.

**Orders for Manufacture of Railway Wagons**

1932. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether development orders for wagons are being given by Railways to parties for setting up facilities for wagon building;

(b) whether advance is being paid for making prototype in the first stage for inspection before giving clearance for final delivery of the wagons;

(c) if so, the details of such development orders given during the last three years alongwith the names of the parties; and

(d) the reasons for developing new parties for wagon manufacturing when the capacities of the existing units are being under-utilised during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Developmental orders were placed on firms, who have been considered capable of manufacturing wagons.

(b)Yes, Sir.

(c) 1. Contract dated 7.3.96 placed for 400 nos. BOXN wagon on M/s. BESCO Ltd., Calcutta.

2. Contract dated 10.5.96 placed for 200 nos. BOXN wagons on M/s. Titagarh Steels Ltd., Calcutta.

3. Contract dated 15.12.95 placed for 200 nos. BOXN wagons on M/s. Sri Ranga Alloys Ltd., Coimbatore.

4. Contract dated 10.3.98 for 60 nos. BOXN wagons on M/s. Bharat Gold Mines, Kolar Gold Field.

5. Contract dated 10.3.98 placed for 87 nos. BTPN wagons on M/ s.Richardson & Cruddas (1972) Ltd., Mumbai.

6. Contract dated 10.3.98 placed for 30 nos. BTPN wagons on M/s.Bridge & Roof. Calcutta.

(d) Due to increased projection of wagon requirement in the five year plan periods and to bring competitiveness & economy in purchases.